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1. "The following information concerns recent prices in the Bierutowice (Jelenia Gora) area, as well as in the surrounding localities of Legnica and Marpaca, and dates through 18 September 1953.

2. [REDACTED] a waitress in the Jelenia Gora area [REDACTED] 350 zloty a month. A handyman earned approximately 500 zloty a month, while a specialized worker earned between 1200 to 1500 zloty a month. The prices below should be viewed in the light of these wages.

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3. " ITEM PRICE (in zlotys)

Grain Products

Bread, made of mixed corn flour in round slices, weighing 100 grams, each 0.80
 Bread, made of mixed corn flour, per kilo 3.00

Note: People lined up for bread beginning at 6:00 AM.
 Fresh bread was available only at 12:00 noon.

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PRICE

ITEMGrain Products - continued

White corn flour, per kilo 7.00-8.00

Dairy Products

Milk, skinned, of poor quality, per liter 3.00

Note: The above applies to milk bought in towns like Jelenia Gora.
It was fortunate as I bought my milk directly from farmers
in the village.

Cheese ser type, per kilo	32.00
Butter, per kilo	60.00
Eggs, on sale throughout State Stores, not fresh, each	1.35
Eggs, fresh, directly from farmers, each	1.50 - 1.80

Tea and Coffee

Tea, small 100 gram package, each	7.80
Pure coffee, price in State Stores (only when occasionally available, per kilo)	400.00
Pure coffee, available at any time from private kiosks, per kilo	600.00
Sugar, per kilo	15.00

Meat

Salami: Serdelowa type, per kilo	26.00
Various types of salami priced per kilo	26.00 - 40.-45.-55.-
Ham, Saleron, per kilo	52.00
Ox meat, per kilo	26.00
Pork or calf meat, per kilo	32.00-35.00
Live chicken, depending on weight, each approx.	40.00
Chicken, already cleaned, on sale in State Stores, price per kilo	18.00-20.00

Note: There was also queuing up for meat. Cow or
ox meat was rather scarce; there was only one grade
of meat, although according to regulations, State
Butcher Stores had to supply 3 different categories
of meat.

Chocolate

100 grams of quite pure chocolate with nuts, each	15.00
Cocoa with sugar, small packages of 100 grams each	12.00

Wines and Liqueurs

Wine, made from apples, per liter (no return of empty bottle required)	14.00
Wine, made from grapes, per liter	25.00
Hungarian wine, per liter	48.00
Vodka, local product, lowest quality, per $\frac{1}{4}$ of a liter	16.00
Liqueurs of various types and qualities, per $\frac{1}{4}$ of a liter, from	25.00-36.00
Pure alcohol, per $\frac{1}{4}$ of a liter	38.60

Vegetables

Potatoes, per kilo	1.50
Tomatoes, per kilo	1.50-2.50

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Vegetables continued

Onions, per kilo

5.00

Carrots, per kilo

1.00-1.50

Note: When the first tomatoes came out at Jelenia Gora
and surrounding localities in May/June 1953, they
were priced from 60.00 -80.00 zloty per kilo.

Fruits

Apples, per kilo, depending on quality

6.00-9.00

Pears, per kilo

6.00-9.00

Grapes, per kilo, (only one quality)

15.00

Plums, per kilo

6.00-8.00

Lemons, each

10.00

Note: There were no other fruits available.

Clothes and clothing itemsLadies' leather sandals (Zandalki) per pair

99.00

Note: This is the lowest price available, but only
occasionally found on the market.

Ladies' leather half-shoes with leather soles,

crudely finished, per pair

350.00-450.00

Ladies' leather sport half-shoes with leather soles,

of much better quality (so called Zamsowki) per pr

585.00-650.00

A similar type of Zamawski, but with cork heels,

per pair

750.00-850.00

Ladies' leather half shoes with leather soles,
handmade upon order at a private shoemaker,

per pair

850.00

Note: This is the price I paid in April 1953
for a horrible type of ladies' shoes!

Children's leather half-shoes, with leather
soles, per pair

106.00

Children's leather half-shoes with leather soles,
of a better quality, per pair

140.00-180.00

Children's Zandalki, per pair

94.00

Ladies' winter leather shoes, per pair

650.00-850.00

Ladies' winter leather shoes, handmade upon
order, per pair

950.00

Ladies' cotton made brassieres (called Bietstancosz)
each

18.00

Ladies' brassieres, of a better quality (half silk and
half rayon), each

25.00

Maitki, ladies' drawers, rayon material, each

20.00-25.00

Ladies' rayon underwear, each

76.00

A set (underwear & drawers), rayon material, each

136.00

Same set but of cotton material, poor quality,

almost unwearable, each

36.00-40.00

Ladies' winter sets manufactured of something which

had practically no wool, each

76.00

Rayon material, in three different colors and three
different designs (the material I saw was

really terrible.), per meter

52.00

Rayon material, for ladies, of a better quality,
per meter

185.00

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Cotton material, called Katun, per meter
 This type of material is only occasionally available
 in State Stores 13.00-26.00

Woolen material, per meter:
 60% wool, per meter 135.00-160.00
 80% wool, per meter 250.00-350.00
 100% wool, per meter 450.00

Note: This type of material is used for both
 tailored and winter coats for ladies.

Ladies' ready-made winter coats, each 1,000.00-1,200.00

Ladies' ready made winter coats, with fur
 (probably hare-fur), each 2,500.00-3,500.00

Children's winter coat (for a 10 year old girl) each 450.00

Tailoring of a dress by a private tailor 60.00

Tailoring of a lady's winter coat (basic material be-
 longing to client of course, all other
 material supplied by tailor) 350.00-400.00

Ladies' 60% woolen jackets, handmade (horribly made), each 470.00

Ladies' 100% woolen jackets, each 650.00-750.00

Ladies' raincoats (with some sort of rubber lining) each 400.00-500.00

Children's raincoat, each 250.00

Handkerchiefs, each, cotton 8.90

Handkerchiefs, cotton, better material, each 12.00

Nylon stockings, US make, available only in
 private owned kiosks, per pair 200.00-250.00

Silk stockings, local product, per pair 15.00-25.00

Stelon stockings (a new type of stockings, manu-
 factured at Jelenia Gora, supposed to be a
 Polish copy of the US type of Nylon stock-
 ings, very thin, maximum duration each pair
 o. one week), 75.00-90.00

Children's 100% woolen jacket, each 450.00

Other items

Ladies' gold wrist watches available sometimes even
 in State stores, mostly in the Komission
 Stores (where articles are sold by citizens
 who need cash), of Swiss-make, each 2,500.00-3,000.00

Ladies' wrist watches available only in Komission
 Stores, each 600.00-1,200.00

Coal, per ton 400.00

Ladies' hair pins (called Spinki Da Wlosow) each 0.15

Ladies' combs (called Gdrzeben) each 9.50

Lipstick (Sminke Do Lust) without case, each 10.00-12.00

Lipstick, with case, each 25.00-35.00

Elida or Nivea-type of toothpaste,
 price per tube (if empty tube returned) 4.50-1.50
 price per tube (if empty tube not returned) 7.50-9.50

Bath soap, Nivea or Elida-type, per cake 4.50-6.50

Toothbrush, for children, each 3.50

Toothbrush, each 9.50

Note: It isn't rare when a toothbrush can be used only
 once and sometimes it does not hold up for even
 one brushing.

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Washing soap, on sale only upon weight, price per kilo
Electric power, price per one kWh 20.00
Metan gas, price per one cubic meter 0.23
 0.30

Note: The price quoted holds true only up to a maximum
of 100 Kwh and 100 cubic meters respectively of electric
power, and metan gas used by a family during a month's
time. Any quantity exceeding 100 costs 1.00 zloty,
since no family group is allowed to exceed that quantity of
either metan gas (used for cooking) or electric power. There-
fore, should a family exceed that quantity, they are charged
1.00 zloty for each additional kWh of electric power or cubic meter
of metan gas.

Firewood, price per linear meter 25.00-35.00
Cost of Transportation for one linear meter of firewood 30.00

Note: Firewood is not expensive, and no restrictions have
been enforced by the authorities against its sale
or purchase. What is extremely expensive is the
transportation from the surrounding woods to purchaser's
residence."

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